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POWER PROJECTS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Hydro-electric Power Project in view of availability of abundancewater in the eastern Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Koel Karo HE Project (710 MW) in Bihar is one of the projects identified as a Mega Power Project for multistate benefits.

The Government of Bihar is conducting a fresh survey of Project Affected Persons in order to enable National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)to formulate the environmental Management Plan in accordance with the guidelines of the Supreme Court. It is necessary to have firm commitment from buyers for the power from Central Sector Power Projects before execution. Orissa and West Bengal have declined to purchase power from the Project since the tentative tariff amount to Rs.7.13 per unit is considered too expensive by them.

Bihar has committed to purchase power from the project to the extent it will require to draw power at the prevalent tariff rate. NHPC has been asked to seek the willingness/consent of states outside the region for purchase of power from Koel Karo HE project.

North Koel (2x12 MW) and Chandil (2x4 MW) hydroelectric projects under construction in the State sector in Bihar are scheduled to be commissioned in 2001-2002.

The Detailed Project Reports of the following hydroelectric projects proposed to be set up in Bihar have been returned to the Project Authorities for re-submission after compliance with comments of Central Electricity Authority and Central Water Commission :-

S.No.	Name of the Project	Date of Receipt	Date of Return
1.	Sankh Stage-II HEP (186 MW) (Gumla District)	December, 1997/ December, 1999	December,1998/ January,2000
2.	Kadhwan HEP (450 MW) (Garhwa and Rohtas Districts)	February, 1995	March,1995
3.	Kanhar PSS (300 MW) (Palamau District)	January, 1990/ May, 1999	July,1990/ July,1999